



AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A structure for mounting an engine for a vehicle comprising:

~~a supporting member for supporting~~ a front engine mount for mounting the engine on a front side of the engine in a longitudinal direction of the vehicle, the front engine mount including an engine mount bracket which is fixed on one end thereof to a suspension member and has an insulator held on the other end thereof, the front engine mount mounting the engine with the insulator interposed between the engine and the engine mount bracket, the insulator supporting an engine bracket fixed to the front side of the engine, wherein [[with]] a space is provided between the front side of the engine and the supporting member the engine mount bracket; and

an auxiliary equipment disposed in the space between the front side of the engine and ~~the supporting member the engine mount bracket~~, wherein

~~the supporting member~~ the front engine mount has a strength against a load applied thereto in [[a]] the longitudinal direction of the vehicle less than that of the auxiliary equipment.

2. (Currently amended) The structure for mounting an engine according to claim 1, further comprising a first bracket which is fixed to the engine at a first point on the front side of the engine and is supported by ~~the supporting member~~ the front engine mount at a second point lower than the first point.

3. (Original) The structure for mounting an engine according to claim 1, wherein the auxiliary equipment comprises a starter motor.

4. (Currently amended) The structure for mounting an engine according to claim 1, wherein ~~the supporting member~~ the engine mount bracket is formed in a channel shape open frontward.

5. (Currently amended) The structure for mounting an engine according to claim 1, wherein ~~the supporting member~~ the engine mount bracket is provided with a fragile portion which reduces the strength of ~~the supporting member~~ the front engine mount against the load to the ~~supporting member~~ the front engine mount in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle.

6. (Currently amended) The structure for mounting an engine according to claim 5, wherein the fragile portion comprises a pair of vertically extending emboss beads formed on inner side faces of ~~the supporting member~~ the engine mount bracket.

7. (Currently amended) The structure for mounting an engine according to claim 2, further comprising a second bracket for mounting the auxiliary equipment, wherein

the auxiliary equipment has a strength against the load applied thereto in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle less than that of the engine,

the second bracket has a strength against the load applied thereto in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle less than that of ~~the supporting member~~ the front engine mount, and

the first bracket has a strength against the load applied thereto in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle less than that of the second bracket.

8. (Currently amended) The structure for mounting an engine according to claim 1, wherein

the auxiliary equipment overlaps in vertical position with ~~the supporting member~~ the engine mount bracket.

9. (Currently Amended) The structure for mounting an engine according to claim 8, wherein

a gap is provided between the auxiliary equipment and ~~the supporting member~~ the engine mount bracket.

10. (Currently Amended) The structure for mounting an engine according to claim 1, wherein

~~the supporting member~~ the front engine mount is formed to start deforming before the auxiliary equipment starts deforming when ~~the supporting member~~ the front engine mount and the auxiliary equipment interfere with each other.

11. (Previously presented) The structure for mounting an engine according to claim 10, wherein

the auxiliary equipment is formed to start deforming before the engine starts deforming when the auxiliary equipment and the engine interfere with each other.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (New) The structure for mounting an engine according to claim 1, wherein

clearances are provided between the auxiliary equipment and the engine, and between the auxiliary equipment and the front engine mount.

14. (New) The structure for mounting an engine according to claim 1, wherein
the auxiliary equipment is separated from the engine and the front engine mount with a clearance provided around the auxiliary equipment.
15. (New) The structure for mounting an engine according to claim 1, wherein
the auxiliary equipment overlaps in vertical position with the engine mount bracket from top to bottom of the auxiliary equipment.